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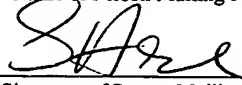


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PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 99/55853 by Fukaya et al., published on November 4, 1999, which describes a novel immortalized hepatic cell line originating in normal human (preferably human fetal) cells, a process for producing this cell line; a method for screening compounds or salts thereof capable of inhibiting or promoting the activity of an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, inhibiting or promoting the expression of a gene encoding an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, or inhibiting or promoting the induction of the expression of a gene encoding an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, the process involving using the above-mentioned cell line. The application further describes compounds capable of inhibiting or promoting the activity of an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, compounds capable of inhibiting or promoting the expression of a gene encoding an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, compounds capable of inhibiting or promoting the induction of the expression of a gene encoding an enzyme participating in the metabolism of a biological foreign matter in the liver, or salts of these compounds

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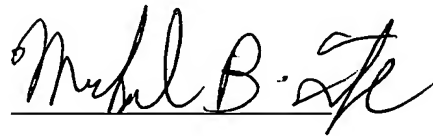
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